

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings includes changes to FIGS. 1 and 2. These sheets, which include FIGS. 1 and 2 replace the original sheets including FIGS. 1 and 2.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 2-8 are pending in this Application.

Claims 3-8 are currently amended. Claim 2 has been canceled. New claims 9-20 have been added. Applicants submit that support for the claim amendments and the newly added claims can be found throughout the specification and the drawings.

Claims 3-20 are now pending in the Application after entry of this Amendment. No new matter has been entered.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 3-8 if rewritten as suggested by the Examiner and to include all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 3-8 are in condition for allowance. Applicants further respectfully submit that new claims 9-20 are also in condition for allowance.

Objections to the Specification and Drawings

Applicants have provided herewith a substitute specification and replacement drawings as requested by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the objections to the specification and drawings.

Objections to the Claims

Applicants have amended to claims to correct one or more issues with typographical or grammatical errors. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the objections to claims 3-8.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections to claims 3-8 and request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite. Unless otherwise specified, amendments to the claims are made for the purposes of clarity, and are not intended to alter the scope of the claims or limit any equivalents thereof.

While Applicants may not necessarily agree with the rejections set forth in the Office Action, these amendments may be made to expedite issuance of the allowable subject matter. Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims to subject matter similar to those pending before the present Amendment in co-pending or subsequent applications.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

Respectfully submitted,

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